Date	Sensex	Change in points	%change
18-may-06	11391.43	-826.38	-6.76
21-Jan-08	17605.35	-1408.35	-7.41
3-Mar-08	16677.88	-900.84	-5.12
17-Mar-08	14809.49	-951.03	-6.03

The loss or gain arising from market movements is national. This arises continuously with change in the value of the portfolios of investors with changes in prices of constituent securities. However, the actual loss or gain to particluar investors depends on the investment time horizon of those investors.

The authorities do not try to manage or control movement of stock indices. They have put in place systems and practices to promote a safe, transparent and efficient market and to protect market integrity. The systems instituted include advanced risk management mechanisms comprising on-line monitoring and surveillance, various limits on positions, margin requirements, circuit filters, etc.

Criteria for fixing premium of face value of share

†3030. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government has fixed any criteria for the premium taken on face value of share when an issue is brought in the market;

(b) if not, the reasons for giving free hand to companies for fixation of premium on face value of shares; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The SEBI (Disclosure and Investor Protection) Guidelines, 2000 permit an unlisted company eligible to make an IPO to price its equity shares or any securities convertible at a later date into equity shares subject to certain disclosures. The company is, however, required to indicate the basis for issue price in the prospectus with the help of relevant qualitative and quantitative factors. Further, book building mechanism is used to discover prices within a band and such price bands are also revised depending on the circumstances. In such cases, the issue becomes successful only if it elicits certain minimum subscriptions from qualified institutional investors who are capable of taking informed investment decisions.

Under the current regulatory regime the price is discovered by the market, while the authorities endeavour to make all relevant information available to market participants - issuers and investors - to make informed investment decisions.

Control in FII investment

3031. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.